



Dear District 10 Friends & Residents,

On January 17th Mayor Chuck Reed and I attended the Community Stakeholder Outreach meeting for District 10 input regarding the Recruitment of our new City Manager. District 10 had four times the amount of participants than all the other districts combined. Congratulations!!!

Our district also had over-the-top participation in the E-Waste Collection on January 20th. If you missed this opportunity, be sure to visit the Camden Community Center (3369 Union Ave.) on February 24th from 9AM to 3PM for another great e-waste collection event.

Also in January came the responsibilities of chairing the City's Community and Economic Development committee. Mayor Reed, City Staff, and I worked to put together the focus of this committee for the next 6 months. Some of the highlights include:

- Economic Impacts of Downtown Events
- Airport Expansion and Height Restriction for Downtown Development
- Downtown Business Strategy
- International Business Strategy

One important item this committee will tackle is performance measures for economic development. In the coming weeks I will be meeting with a number of people, including Pat Dando, Chamber of Commerce President & CEO, to discuss ways to measure the City's work and investments related to **creating, attracting, and retaining business in San Jose.**

### Soccer Fields Update

For the last two weeks representatives from the City and San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD) have been negotiating terms regarding field renovations at Leland High School. This partnership will create two artificial turf fields and allow the Almaden Valley Youth Soccer League to use the football fields after school. This will complement the existing softball and baseball fields that our youth leagues will be able to utilize. SJUSD Trustee Leslie Reynolds and I hope this partnership will become a model Citywide allowing the City to create additional sports fields when land is unavailable. We plan to continue assisting SJUSD with fields in District 10 whenever possible.

The City Council and SJUSD Board are expected to vote on this issue in late March and a ground breaking ceremony will follow. In addition, City Staff along with my Chief of Staff have been researching additional land in District 10 for sports fields. One of the areas being looked at is Cahalan Park, which is scheduled to undergo improvements including increased weed abatement, leveling of playing fields, minor irrigation repairs, and turf reseeding. These

improvements should be completed prior to the Fall 2007 soccer season and provide additional space for our local soccer leagues. For more information on the upcoming groundbreaking and other news please watch for my March Newsletter.

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Councilmember Pyle stands with Mayor Reed, SJPd Chief Rob Davis, Councilmember Madison Nguyen, and Captain Jack Farmer while presenting a commendation for Captain Farmer's 30 years of hard work and dedication to the residents of San Jose.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

On January 27th, the Office of Emergency Services made a presentation to the Strong Neighborhood Initiative PAC about pilot classes for the new 2-hour short course for San Jose Prepared!. Classes are scheduled on February 24th and March 3rd from 9a.m. to 11a.m. in the Emergency Operations Center of the Police Communications Building located at 855 North San Pedro Street (4th Floor). To register please call (408) 277-4598. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Best Wishes,



Nancy Pyle  
Councilmember, District Ten

### **Citywide Update**

- **Coyote Valley Update**

The Coyote Valley Environmental Impact Report will be available to the public on March 1st. To download a copy please visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/coyotevalley/](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/coyotevalley/)

The Coyote Valley Task Force meetings are open to the public and held at City Hall in room W118. The next meeting is Monday February 12th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. On the 12th the Task Force will be given a general overview of the purpose, contents and process for reviewing and commenting on an Environmental Impact Report (how to read an EIR).

- **City Manager Recruitment Update**

Five community and two employee stakeholder meetings were conducted at various locations in the City, as well as a meeting with the City Labor Alliance to solicit the labor perspective. Initial participation in the community meetings was limited with approximately ten attendees each. However, after a Mercury News editorial related to the City's outreach efforts, participation increased significantly. Approximately 100 individuals participated at the meeting at the Almaden Library & Community Center on January 17th with approximately 160 total public participants involved in the stakeholder outreach efforts. As of January 24, approximately 400 people have participated in related on-line surveys. The surveys will stay online through the end of February. An additional facilitated meeting will take place in early February dedicated to getting feedback from key stakeholder groups within the City.

- **CHP Dispatchers Vote SJPd Communications as the Best**

Dispatchers at the Golden Gate Division California Highway Patrol office conducted an informal vote among their staff and voted the San Jose Police Department Communications as the most professional and friendly organization with which they regularly interact.

### **Make An Impact in District 10!**



*Thinking of ways to get involved in our community? For more information please contact the District 10 Office at (408) 535-4910*

### **Leland High School's Blue & Gold Auction**

The Leland High School Booster and Parents clubs are pleased to announce that 'Emerald Isle Gala' its 22nd Annual Blue and Gold Auction fundraiser, will take place on March 17th, 2007 at the downtown Marriott Hotel in San Jose. This year's theme is a celebration of Leland's 40th Annual Birthday.

The Blue and Gold auction is the premier annual fund-raiser for Leland High School; a National Blue Ribbon School, California Distinguished School and a CCS Athletic & Scholastic Champion. The auction raises funds for Leland's Booster and Parent Clubs which are used to support the school's academic and athletic programs. Past proceeds of the auction have been utilized for school scholarships, the Pat Tillman Field, new gym equipment, counseling services, graduation night and fund items on the teacher's 'wish list'.

**Please visit the Leland Blue and Gold Auction website at**

**[www.lelandblueandgold.com](http://www.lelandblueandgold.com) or call Cathy Blecher at 408-268-8770 for more information.**

### **South Valley YMCA Update**

Kudos to the the South Valley Family YMCA, which kicked-off their annual Community Support Campaign on January 17, 2007. Over 120 YMCA volunteers and staff gathered to celebrate the start of the campaign. Contributions to the YMCA Campaign help to provide access to YMCA programs for many of the low-income

- **Frontier Airlines**

Frontier Airlines has been awarded final authority from the Department of Transportation to begin non-stop service between Cabo San Lucas, Mexico (SJD) and San Jose (SJC) with four flights per week. The new service, which will be aboard Frontier's new fleet of Airbus A319s, begins March 3, 2007.

- **Mineta Airport Offers Clear Security Lanes**

On January 23rd, Mineta Airport became the first airport on the West Coast to offer special Clear Security Lanes for registered travelers. Pre-registered passengers will go through a special security line and will not be required to remove their shoes and jackets so the screening process will be much faster. The program currently has over 2,500 enrolled members.

- **City Employee Training On Crisis Communications & the Media**

During the last week in January, four employees (from the City Manager's Office, Environmental Services, PRNS, and Public Works) completed a week long *Crisis Communications and the Media* course provided by the California Specialized Training Institute. The course is designed to strengthen communications skills during an emergency when accurate and timely information is critical in keeping the community informed. This was the first of several groups the City plans to send over the next year to strengthen the skills of personnel who will serve in the Emergency Public Information Office when OEC is activated.

- **Administrative Manager for the Office of Emergency Services**

Welcome to Richard (Dick) Staley as the new Administrative Manager for the Office of Emergency Services. Dick comes from the Santa Clara Valley Water District with many years of experience. In his new job, Dick will oversee the San Jose Prepared! program, develop a local hazard mitigation plan, guide additional compliance requirements for the National Incident Management System, and serve as back-up to Director Kimberly Shunk in the event of a disaster.

## **District 10 Announcements, Highlights & Events**

### **Cyclists Face Uphill Test at Inaugural San Jose King-Of-The-Mountain Ride Feb. 17th to Benefit Santa Clara Schools' Fitness Program**

Hundreds of avid riders are expected to participate in the inaugural 25-mile San Jose King-Of-The-Mountain bicycle ride February 17th in what promises to be a challenging preview of the toughest segment of the upcoming 2007 Amgen Tour of California. The event will also highlight childhood nutrition issues and raise funds for the Santa Clara County Office of Education's "Fit for Learning" program that addresses the rising concerns of obesity in elementary school children.

The ride will begin at San Jose City Hall at 10 a.m. on Saturday February 17th. Cyclists will travel a reverse course from the Stage 3 Finish Route of last year's Amgen Tour, riding from City Hall to the base of Sierra Road. Cyclists will then cross a timing pad to activate timing chips and begin their ascent up Sierra Road - a 1,830-foot climb, with an average gradient of 10 percent. The total ride is approximately 25-26 miles.

Registration for the King-Of-The-Mountain Ride is \$100 with a portion of proceeds

and underserved youth and families living in the South San Jose area. I was a special guest that evening and thanked the group for their support to the community.

The South Valley Family YMCA has been committed to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities in the South San Jose for over 34 years. They accomplish this by incorporating developmental assets through effective programs and services that influence and reinforce positive values in children and youth in the community. Reaching their goal of \$240,000 will be an important factor in providing a continuation of needed financial assistance for children, teens and families.

During the 30 day period over 150 volunteers will be stepping out into the community to share with others the impact the YMCA has on the thousands of lives it serves each day. Because of Community Support Campaign contributions, the YMCA will never turn down an individual or family for financial reasons.

**Should you have further questions regarding the South Valley Family YMCA's programs and , please contact the YMCA at (408) 226-9622 or visit them on the web at [www.scvymca.org](http://www.scvymca.org).**

### **City Wide Phone List**

Call Center	535-3500
Police Non-Emergency	311
Anti-Graffiti/Litter	277-3208
Animal Care	578-7297
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-STOP
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
DOT	277-4373
Environmental Services	535-8550
Hazardous Materials	277-4659
Housing	535-3860
Neighborhood Development Center	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	534-2900
Vehicle Abatement	277-5305
Gang Hotline	293-4264



going to the Fit for Learning charity and is limited to the first 300 registrants. Riders must be at least 18 years or older. For more information and registration, please visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/kingofthemountain.html>.

## The Amgen Tour of California is Back!

*Stage 3 Finish and Lifestyle Festival Presented by Health Net  
Noon - 4 p.m. Wed., Feb. 21 San Jose City Hall Plaza*



[The Amgen Tour of California](#) will again bring the drama and excitement of a professional bicycle stage race to San Jose. The world's top international professional teams will compete over a 650-mile Tour de France-style route that includes the California redwoods, Wine Country, Santa Clara County and the Pacific Coast. On Wed. Feb. 21, the race will complete a grueling and pivotal 95-mile Stockton-to-San Jose ride directly in front of San Jose City Hall.

And there's no better place to experience the spectacle of this international professional cycling road race than at the Amgen Tour of California's Lifestyle Festival presented by Health Net, to be held in City Hall Plaza, featuring a health & fitness expo, cancer awareness education, cycling gear, family activities, bike safety,

food, entertainment and culminating in the explosive sprint to the finish and the traditional awards ceremony.

### Neighborhood Center

## Help Us Protect Our Schools

One of the classrooms at Simonds Elementary School recently sustained significant water damage as a result of a roof leak. Administrators have reason to believe that the damage was caused by teenagers who got on the roof and peeled back the roofing material during the school's winter break. The damage was so extensive that along with the roof being replaced, the class had to be relocated for several days while the ceiling tiles were replaced, carpet cleaned, etc.

**If you notice any suspicious and/or malicious activity on school grounds after hours or on weekends, please don't hesitate to call the police.**

Here are some tips from former **SJPD Captain Jack Farmer & Sergeant Larry McGrady** -

- Be aware of individuals who don't look like they belong around schools, be sure to get a description of their vehicle and/or appearance.
- Be the local eyes and ears for the PD, since you are out picking up your children or in your neighborhood regularly, report any suspicious activity and call the information in immediately rather than waiting until later.

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## Community Calendar February 2007

*Globally, the Chinese will celebrate the year of the Pig and the Space Shuttle Atlantis blasts off for the International Space Station*

Wednesday, Feb. 7th: 7:30 -8:30 PM  
**Montevideo Homeowners' Association Monthly Meeting**  
Corner of Coleman and Camden, in the clubhouse behind the pool

Saturday, Feb. 10th: 12:00 – 3:00 PM  
**Almaden Relay for Life Campaign Kick Off**  
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Monday, Feb. 12th: 7:00 - 9:00 PM  
**Almaden Valley Community Association**  
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Graystone Park Fire

On December 26th, the restroom and parks maintenance room at Graystone Park were damaged by a fire. The preliminary damage estimates is \$25,000 (\$20,000 for the building and \$5,000 to replace park maintenance equipment and supplies). The restrooms are anticipated to re-open shortly ; maintenance room repairs and other miscellaneous repairs are scheduled to be completed by mid- to late February. The local Little League has been notified and service impact has been minimal due to holidays and cold weather. The San Jose Police Department has arrested three individuals in connection with the fire.

Congrats to the San Jose State Spartans for a Great 2006 Season

Here's a belated salute to the 2006 bowl champion Spartans football team. Congratulations to the football team and Coach Tomey on making the 2006 season one to remember, completing a 9-4 season and defeating New Mexico at the inaugural New Mexico Bowl in Albuquerque on Dec. 23rd. San Jose State University has even more to celebrate in 2007 as this year marks the 150th anniversary for this notable university. Events will be held throughout the year to commemorate this historic occasion, visit the San Jose State website at <http://www.sjsu.edu/150th> to learn more.

City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at 200 East Santa Clara Street. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/> or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.



Councilmember Pyle stands with students and staff from Holy Spirit School in District 10. Joining Meri Maben, Chief of Staff for Congressman Mike Honda, Councilmember Pyle visited Holy Spirit on Monday January 29th to present a proclamation designating January 29th through February 2nd as Catholic Education Week.

Wednesday, Feb. 14th: 6:00 – 7:30 PM  
**Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting**  
*Topic: Programming the Pat Dando Hoffman Via Monte Community Center*  
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Thursday, Feb. 15th: 5:00 – 7:00 PM  
**D10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting**  
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Thursday, Feb. 15th: 7:00 – 8:30 PM  
**Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association**  
Southside Community Center; 5585 Cottle Rd

Wednesday, Feb. 21st: 6:30 – 8:00 PM  
**Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Action Coalition Monthly Meeting**  
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Tuesday, Feb. 27th: 7:30 -9:00PM  
**VEP Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting**  
Vista Park Community Room (Hyde Park Dr. & New Compton Drive)

Thursday, March. 1st: 5:00 – 7:00 PM  
**D10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting**  
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Wednesday, March 7th: 9:45 - 11:00 AM  
**Almaden Senior Association Monthly Meeting**  
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave



Councilmember Pyle introduces the scouts of Den 10, Pack 281 to Mayor Reed at an evening session of the City Council.

**“The obvious is that which is never seen until someone expresses it simply.” ~ Kahlil Gibran (1883-1931) Novelist & Poet**

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